

Senate Resolution 708

By: Senators Starr of the 44th, Douglas of the 17th and Jones of the 10th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Colonel (Retired) Charles Scott, of Jonesboro, in Henry County, Georgia, former
2 military attaché who was taken hostage along with 51 other Americans at the U.S. Embassy
3 in Tehran, Iran, on November 4, 1979, and released 25 years ago on January 20, 1981; and
4 for other purposes.

5 WHEREAS, Colonel Charles Scott and his fellow hostages were kidnapped and brutally
6 tortured in Iran's worst prisons for 444 days; while day after day, militant fundamentalists
7 outside the embassy vilified the United States as "The Great Satan," chanting "Death to
8 America," which citizens of the most powerful nation in the world watched on television; and

9 WHEREAS, Colonel Scott and his fellow hostages endured physical and mental hardships
10 such as mock firing squads and were tried by the International Court of Justice, which
11 ordered their release, a decision rejected by their military fundamentalist captors; and

12 WHEREAS, the taking and torture of prisoners at the embassy afforded Americans an
13 understanding of the nature and aims of a tyrannical and oppressive regime; and

14 WHEREAS, the release of the American hostages led to a regeneration, a transformation of
15 the American spirit, and offered citizens a new perspective on the meaning of freedom; and

16 WHEREAS, Colonel Scott became a top authority on the Middle East and a military
17 intelligence expert and served his country with singular distinction during 31 years of
18 military service in the United States Army, upholding the time honored values of "Duty,
19 Honor, and Country."

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that this body recognizes
21 Colonel Scott and honors him in celebration of the 25th anniversary of Hostage Freedom
22 Day.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body recognizes the heroic acts of Colonel Scott and
2 others who never wavered in their defense of the United States and its principles and returned
3 to a grateful nation.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body support the efforts of all its
5 military men and women as they defend our freedom every day around the world in
6 conditions often incomprehensible and unspeakably difficult.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
8 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Colonel Charles Scott.